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FRIDAY EVEN'G., DECEMBER 27, 1878.

We had the pleasure, yesterday, of a visit from Col. S. Bassett French, the secretary of the Lee Monument Association, who is visiting this section in the interest of the monument fued. He had receptly addressed a circular letter to Mayor Kemper asking that he would lay off our goodly city into sub districts or wards and appoint committees to each, who should, on the. 19th of January, (the anniversary of Gen. Lee's birth) make a thorough canvass of the same. The Colonel informed us of a letter written to us in behalf of the same, as also to encourage our patriotic women to form an auxiliary association in aid of the erection of a monument to our great Captain. We regret the letter was not received, else the subject wou'd have secured earlier attention. It is not however too late, and most cheerfully we endorse the effort to raise the means necessary to the desired end. The p'ao, as unfolded to us by Col. French, is that every county in the South shall by the presiding judge be laid off into small districts, and each town likewise, and a thorough canvass be made by personal solicitations during the day of the anniversary of the birth (the 19.h of January), and also of the death [12th of Ostober, ] each to be supplemented by cotertaioments of some sort on the eveniogs thereof. We are very certain that our Mayor will cheerfully do all in his power to advance the cause, but Col. French states his reliance to be in the ladies, and his good taste in this regard we heartily endorse, and he now calls on these of Alexaddria at once to organize an association, auxiliary to the association at Richmond, to aid the efforts of the Mayor, and

ginia has done so little in honor of Gen. Lee, uation is \$223 212,153, a decrease as compared and we must be excessed for particularising the with 1877 of \$13,696,695. The bonded indebs. as low as 12 degrees. part this socient city of ours has taken, feeling assured that her people only awaited to be called on to respond liberally. The time has come when "every man [and woman] is expected to do his date," and we shall feel ashamed if Alexandria shall not stand on an equal footing with her sister towns in Virginia according to wealth and population.

The association, incorporated by the General Assembly of Virgicia, is represented by a Board of Managers compased of the Governor, Auditor and Treasurer of the State, to whom is committed the task of raising the funds, while to a Board of Commissioners, composed of persons appointed by the Governors of the southern States, is cotrusted the duty of selecting the design, the artist and the site where the monument shall be erected.

We learn from Col. French that Virginia has contributed actually less to the monument to Gen. Lee than has been received from beyond her limits, and he has kindly furnished us with

the fo'lowing abstract :

RECEIPTS. Collections from October, 1875, to 31st of December, 1878......\$18,030 32 From counties in Virginia.. \$2,714 97 Cities in Virginia..... 4,535 91 Virginia Legislature...... 801 00 Places not designated ....... 22 36

From beyond Virginia..... 7,700 35 Interest on deposits, &c ..... 1,679 72 Received from Col. Palmo, late Treasurer, net procoeds and interest from

1871 to October, 1875...... 1,022 00 ---\$18,035 32 The funds so collected have been invested as

Invested in Va. consols..... \$8,640 00 Invested in Lee on Trave?'r 400 00 Expenses for 3 yrs and 3 ms 2,262 26 Balance in bank...... 6,734 03

We have devoted more space to this matter than we could well spare, and our interests in sistendy and successful issue of the efforts of the Board of Managers is our only apology, if

According to the information contained in our special Washington correspondence, yesterday, Senator Macrear; says he supposes that as the Senate authorized and appointed the Blaine committee, it will appropriate the money requisite for that committee to conduct its investigation. We suppose so too, but we hope to be mistaken. Of course the democrats can't originate any movement to defeat an appropriation for the committee, lest, as we have pre viously stated, such a movement be scized upon by the ultra wing of the republican party | nine months, unless from choice. They have a and exhibited throughout the country as the means the democrats have devised for concealing their guilt and iniquity. Nor could the democratic Senators, especially those from the South, even vote against such an appropriation, were a resolution with that end in view introduced, for fear the motives that might prompt such a vote, however patriotic they to organize and go to work, raising their own food, might be, would be intentionally misrepresented by the "stalwarts," for the purpose of making and happy. If they stand idle, they must sufby the "stalwarts," for the purpose of making party capital. But it does seem as though there should be enough true patriotism and natural sympathy among the republican Senators for the molifying and genealising influences of the season to stimulate into effective opposition in a limited time. Directors—G. O. Kelton, to any measure calculated to keep alive sec. president; C. C. Ellis, secretary; F. C. Colcord, to any measure calculated to keep alive sectional animosity, and a movement to that effect. started by republicans, could, with propriety, be assisted by the northern democratic Senators, and would, we believe, receive the support of a large majority of the conscientious auPrince state: "It is reported that in Port the river the boatman accidently struck one of and unprejudiced people of the North. The Potter and Blaine committees were conceived and organized for selfish and partisan purposes. but the people of the country have had a surfeit of party, and would like the men they flood."

send to Congress to let party alone for a fixed and give some of their attention to the advancement of national presperity; and if both committees were equelched the men to whom the praise for accomplishing such a desirable consummation would be due, would be rewarded in no niggardly manner.

There are many people in this country who are not now, never were and never will be in favor of the existing form of government, and owing to the manner in which the national affairs are conducted the number of these who are in favor of it is rapidly diminishing. As long, however, as it exists its forms should be observed lest the reproach and disgrace that already attaches to republican institutions be supplemented with contempt and ridicule. Occ of the cardical principles of the government is that when a man leaves his official position and returns to the body of the people from which he was taken he is outitled to no mere privileges than any of his follow citizens, and yet not only is General Grant furnished with accommodations for himself and friends-iacluding a newspaper correspondent to reper whatever among his sayings and doings may conduce to securing him the next republican presidential nomination-on a United States vessel for a trip to far Cathay, but, at his raquest, his son, a colonel in the army, is granted an indefinite leave of absence, on full pay, is order that he may accompany him. Now under a different form of government, no one would bave reasonable grounds of objection to being taxed to pay the travelling expenses of an exruler of the country and his family, or to the discipline of the army being retarded by showing partiality to an officer who happened to be the son of an ex-ruler, but in a country where no one is above another, where worth makes the man and the want of it the fellow, and in which the efficiency of the army is preserved by the strict impartiality with which its discipline is enforced, such things as those which we allade to, are not only out of order, but subject re-

To show the rate of taxation in Virginia, as compared with some of the other sombero states, we give a statement that will probably be read with interest at this time: - Ou one hundred dollars Alabama in 1877 paid 70 cents, Mississippi 65 cents, Virginia 50 cents, Arkansas \$1. South Carolina 70 cents, Florida 90 to continue the organization until the work is cents, Louisiana \$1.45, and Georgia 50 c.m.s. The report of the state comptroller of Tennes-We were really mortified to learn that Vir- | see just made shows that the state's total valeduces of Tennessee is \$20,221,300, and is in creasing at the rate of about \$1,250,000 a year, while she refuses to pay her interest.

publicatism to the derision and sarcasm of those

more consistent ideas.

An accurate statement of the political and personal complexion of the Congress which will come into being on the 4th of next March, shows that the House of Representatives will have democrats, 149; radicals, 129; nationals, 10; vacancies, 5. All contested cases before the State canvassing boards have been finally decided, and but five vacancies remais to be filled. Should the democrats be defeuted in all of these districts they will still have an urquestioned majority of three over all.

The city fathers of Chicago recently passed a resolution declaring the charges for gas exarbitant. The gas companies refused to lower their prices, and the city council have accord ingly passed a resolution ordering that the city be lighted with oil after next Wednesday.

Another cold "wave" is rolling over this see tion of the country just now, and it fracked as it

# VIRGINIA NEWS.

A. A. Pitman, of Lixington, has been elected superintendent of the Rawley Springs for In Page county, last week, the cothing of a

three year son of Buck Henry caught fire, and the child was burned to death.

The Miller Manual Labor School, in Albomarle county, has all its situations filled, and is

already making excellent progress. W. F. Bronaugh, colored, formerly coshier of the Freedmen's Branch Bank, in Lycobburg and esptain of a colored military company in

that city, died Tuesday last. About fifty farmers residing in the vicinity of Meyer's Cave, Augusta county, have organized themselves into a body for the purpose of pur-

suing and capturing horse thieves. The erection of an extensive forgent Clifton Forge has been determined upon. The foundations are commenced, and it is anticipated that the work of iron forging will begin without

unnecessary delay. Mr. A. P. Ferguson, formerly of Franklin county, died recently at his home, Stockton, California. In 1867 he discovered the famous Ferguson & Wallace mine at Sheep Ranch, from which he and his partners extracted over \$150 000. The mine was sold last year for

A COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION of working people, at Guaston, Fairfax county, furnishes all its members with constant employment, at fair wages, and boards them all in one large family or home, and thus reduces the cost of living about one half. This enables each member to save a considerable share of his wages. which each is required to do. None of their number have been idle a day during the past large farm and garden, and are employed rais ing food, making clothing, erecting buildings. making roads and fences, cutting fuel, and in supply their wants and make them comfortable, with a considerable surplus, which they sell They are demostrating in a practical way that all and happy. If they stand idle, they must suffer want, while if they are busy, producing what they need, all their wants will be supplied. rapidly, and promises to absorb all the more intelligent working people in the country withtreasurer; Joel A. H. Ellis, superintendent; Edward Daniels, D. F. Morrill, James Cosgrove.

# Flood.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- Advices from Port dePaix the river changed its bed and crossed the town, overflowing the principal part of it and destroying many houses and lives. St. Louis del Nord, situated about three miles disVEHIS OF THE MAY.

Six of the most valuable business houses in ardner, Hänols, were burned yesterday. Loss 375,000. Locandiarism suspected. The revenue officers in Fentress county, Teno.,

have arrested ferty six illieit distillers and closed up fourteen distilleries.

Alexander Coultry, a Montreal butcher, largely engaged in the expert of cattle, has fore the Potter committee, and the impossifailed. His liabilities will be heavy.

Ex Governor Cocke, of the District of Coumbia, is said to have made a fortune recently from a Colorado mine.

General Legan is trying to work for the socialist votes of the Illinois Legislature in his strutting the Avenue this morning, but they

layor for the Schatorship. The DaKalb county (Mo.) court house at Maysville was burned Wednesday. The county records, excepting those of the circuit clerk

and treasurer, were destroyed. Loss \$100,000. Rev. Leonard Woods died in Boston Tuesday, aged 72. He was from 1839 to 1866 president of Bandoin College. He was the author of

many volumes. On the 13th instant John Boyd killed Thomas O'Brien in a cowardly manner at Fore Wrangel. Alasks. The citizens tried him by a jury of his own selection, which found him guilty, and he was hung the next day.

Allen C. Laros, the fratricide, who escaped from the Pennsylvania lunatio asylum, at Har: risburg, in October, was returned to that instiution last night, having surrandered himself to the sheriff of Crittenden county, Ark.

R. B. Bayard, of the firm of James Knox & Co., commission and shipping merchants, and a prominent member of the Cora and Flour Exchange of Baltimere, died yesterday morning, aged forty eight.

A barge laden with oil caught fire yesterday norring in the Ohio liver, above Wheeling, W. Va. A tow bost, in order to prevent the fire from spreading to other barges, hauled the one on fire cut into the stroam and let it go down with the current.

A snow plaw and three engines of the New York and Oswego Midland Railroad ran off the track four miles worth of Bulton, N. Y., yester day maning. Orvillo Page, an employe, was killed, and Eli Edie, a leborer, had his legs broken, and it is thought he cannot recover.

The repair shops of the New York and Os wego Midland Reilroad Company, at Middleown, N. Y., were burned last night, with two lacamorivas, a large amount of lumber. Valuable who live under governments conducted upon machinery and tools. The less is estimated at will be a permanent structure, and that will not more consistent ideas.

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> Peter McNamara, a well known resident of Washington city, died Wadnesday afternoon from pulson to the system, from the bite a man pagnad Danaber, with whom he had an alternation over two meachs ago. Some weeks since the figure was amputated, but the poison had already got beyond that member.

Charles Johnston, colored, fell down in a water near Newburg, N. Y., Tuesday night, while intoxicated, and on Christmas afternoon was found dying, from exposure, by a hunter. Johnston had been out in the cold about sixteen hours, with the thermometer part of the time

Ex-Congressman Owen Jones started from his residence at Wynnewood, Pa., on the Poun spiracia Railroad, Wadnesday night, to visic a neighbor, and was found before midnight dead from apoplexy, by the roadside. Decrased represented the bifth Pennsylvania district in the Thirty fifth Coogress.

A dispatch from Camp Taylor, in Breathitt co., Ky., dated the 234 inst., says Judge Randall and eighty five votes and is elected." had opened court. Three of the Littles had been arrested, also Alfred Gambrel, whose im prisonment is designed to quiet the long standing disorders there. The arrests were made by

Brenhoff & Livingston, wholesale deslers in meet. The firm was embarrassed by real estate. Their liabilities amount to about \$120,000, The assets consist of merchandise, outstanding accoupts and real estate, and are very large. It

Charles L. Cite, a jeweler, at Peoria, Ill., had been robbed of \$2,800 in each and \$10,000 worth of goods. Investigation of the case threw suspicion upon Otto himself, and he was arrested, his brother being held as his anoomplice. Ofto is a young Geman, who had moved in the best German acciety in Peoria.

The Hadson river is reported as being choked up almost its entire length with ice. Poughkeeps in propellers and Newburgh line barges to New York made their last trips last night. The boats that went down to New York Wednesday night were seven and half hours making the trip, meeting two to four igohee of hard ice. The pends in the vicinity of Newburgh are covered with ies eight or ten inches thick.

Mrs. Matilda Mack has been sentenced at Chicago to imprisonment for life for killing ber husband. She was convicted on the ovidence of her hired man, Frank Dickerson, who turned State's evidence against her. According to his statements, after the wife had killed her bushead with a stick of wood she hired him to carry the body to the bara and place it under the borse's feet. The horse was then backed over the body several times so as to make it appear that the deceased had been kicked to death. Dickerson is to be tried on an indictment for murder.

AN ENERGETIC PROTEST -A large number of the leading tax-payers and citizens of Clarke county, Va, have addressed a communication to the board of supervisors of that county protesting against the issuance or adoption of any order by that body the effect of which may be to turn over to the Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company the bonds of Clarke county for \$100. 000, to be reissued under the act of the General Asiembly of Virginia, recently passed. They protest against the authorizing of any agent of he county to execute these bonds, even should the old bonds under the terms of the order hereofore made be returned and concealed, and they declare that they recognize no obligation, either in law or in mora's, to issue the new bonds or any bonds, upon the return of the old, in the present condition of the railroad company. The igners claim that in voting the subscription of \$100,000 the consideration was the promise of a competing road, whereby freights were to be largely reduced, (now could that be assured in any case?) but declare that at present the road is not a competing road-"it starts nowhere and ends nowhere"-and they claim that they shall not be taxed until they receive the benefit of such computing road. They protest against the sinking of their stock in this proposed railbousekeeping for themselves, producing with road as the company is at present organized, their own labor nearly all that is required to and, siter reheating the financial history of the concern, assert that "the Shenandoah Valley Bailroad Company is but a railroad company in name," and declare that "it has been controlled heretofore by a foreign corporation, known as working people have to do to find employment is the 'Control Improvement Company,' and the Shenandoah Valley Railroad may be said propunder mortgage," and conclude by protesting came confused by the statements about the that "the liabilities of the company shall be ascertained before the money of Clarke county is This association is small yet, but is growing put into it, that it be purged of all watered stock, and of all bonds issued without authority and without consideration.'

SERIOUS Loss .- The hearse sent to King William county, by Mr. John A. Belvio, to be used at the funeral of the late Beverly B. Douglas, met with a serious accident while on its way back to this city. In crossing the Pamunkey river the water was very high, and the ferry-boat had to be polled over. When about the middle of the horses over the head with his pole, which caused it to spring forward. The other horse also become frightened, and the team ran out of the boat into the river, and went down out of sight. Steps will be taken when the water subFROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27. Ex-Marshal Pitkin, of Louisiana, who is here, says that Jack Werton of that Stato is to be deposed, and that he, Pitkin, will be reappointed, but the ex Marshal's evidence bebility of his confirmation, makes the truth of his statement doubtful. "My dear Pitkin" and Mr. Maddex, another witness before the Potter committeee, formerly of Maryland, and once a resident, after the war, of Alexandria, were

did not seem in the best spirits. to dissolution, inasmuch as its leaders are curus way, like a wheel within a wheel, now quarreling among themselves about the pecuniary receipts. They have presecuted their bat on the side of a street lamp, and ending with quarrel to the extent of blows, and the result was that Hodnett and Bliss spent Christmas

night in jail. Among the few noticeable sights on Penns; l vania Avenue yesterday morning was that of one or two single wheeled velocipedes.

A corrent joke here is to the effect that wo gentlemen who had paid for the seats they occupied at the matinee at the National Theatre ast Saturday afterooon, were compelled to give the fact that they hailed from Ohio.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.

The intense cold of this morning was rendered even more disagreeable to those on Pennsylvania avenue by the clouds of dust that swept down that thoroughfare from the West, and, though the temperature moderated later in the day, outdoor exercise was sadly marred by a small sized snow storm.

The bill for the free bridge across the Poto

mae at the "Torce Sisters," which passed the House, will, it is supposed, pass the Senste also, though the lessees of the Alexandria Canal will endeavor to have it amended so as to provide for building the bridge on the site of the present equeduot. The bil that passed the House appropriates \$140,000 for the proposed new bridge, but this, the lessees referred to, assert will be entirely inadequate, as can be proved, they say, by the report of Engineer Rieves, whose estimate was \$470,000. They are willing to sell their bridge for \$200 000. and an additional \$100,000 will, they say, build a bridge on the site of the aqueduct that will be a permanent structure, and that will not keep it in order. They have lessed the canal and equeduct for rinety pine years for a thousand dollars a year, and have expend ed, they say, sieds their lease commenced \$365,000. Of course any sale they may make will provide for keeping the equaduat in pavi gable order. The opinion of those who are not conversant with the ideas of the lessees is that the bill will pass the Senate as it came from the House, and that if the \$140,000 appropriated by it prove insufficient to complete the bridge subsequent congresses will increase the appropriatios.

It seems to be the current origion here that the efforts to secure Senator Christiancy the Barlin mission will be successful, and that ex Senator Zick Chandler will thus resume his place in the Sepate. The Michigan congressional delegation did not go home with the remaigs of their colleague, the late General Wil liams, but remained here for the purpose indicated, and the impression is that they have succeeded. If this be true Mr. Chandler will be repaid for saying, "Hayes has one hundred

### Manter's Christmas.

Berjamin Hunter spent a sorry Christmas day in his cage. He arose betimes in the morning, and, in his usual cheery manner, wished day goods New York, have made an assign- his jailer "a merry Christmas." Then he became moody, and had but little to say uptil his dinner came up. This consisted of turkey and other delicacies, supplied from the table of the is thought the firm will ask an extension and re- resident turckey. The Christmas meal was dispatcued with evident relish, and then the doomed man lay back for awhile to rest. In reperted to the police there yesterday that he the afternoon his family visited him and codeavored to make the day as enjoyable as pes sible, but it was like making jokes at a faneralthe endeaver to cheer the man who is to be put to death to day two weeks.

There was another soleme matter connected with the visit. It was to aunouage to the condemoed the result of the visit to Gov. McClel lan, at Trenton, on Tuesday. On that day Mr. John C. Hunter, the brother; Mre. Hunter, the wife of the condemned man; the eldest daughter, the twins, and one of the sons vi-ited Governor McClellan, accompanied by Iloc. Abraham Browning, of Camdon.

Is was a sorry spectacle. The wife and mother, surrounded by the children, begging and pleading that the time for the judicial murder of the husband and father be deferred. until he could have time to propare to meet his God and frame his mind so as to feel that he would secure forgiveness for his sigs in the great unknown hereafter.

The Governor received the little party of mourners courteously and kindly. He listened to the appeal of Mr. Browning and the petition of the wife to save her husband from an ignominious death. This was a more trying time for Governor McClellan than any of the great battles in which he engaged. He was equal to the emergency, and, after listening to the prayers of the stricken family, informed them that he would take the matter into consideration and communicate his decision to Mr. Brown-

Although the Governor has not assounced his decision concerning the appeal, it was learned from private sources yesterday that Gov. McClellan will not interfere, and that Huster will hang on the 10th of January, as he has been sentenced.

When the facts of the interview were communicated to Hunter he becams rather des pondent. The prisoner was not allowed to est any delicacies which the members of the family desired to supply him, this being contrary to the regulations. - Phila. Record.

# From Mexico.

On the night of the 14th a train for Vera Cruz was attacked by a band of 10bbers four miles from Pueble. They killed the baggage master, wounded the conductor, and robbed the train of \$27,000 in silver. Justo Benitez, the head of the Benitez fac-

tion, fell out with President Diaz, and the Senate has granted Benicez eight months' leave of absence to visit Europe. Congress adjourned

The Tehauntepec railroad enterprise, Palmer's railway scheme, and the Western Union Telegraph Company's project for laying a cable contract.

The official government organ devices that an international exhibition has been definitely resolved upon, and says that the reference to the subject in President Hayes' message was prob ably founded upon newspaper reports.

The Legislature of Jallisco having repealed an obnoxicus tax, the merchanis of Guidala ira will advance a considerable sum to the Governor of the State.

The body of a well developed child, appareatly several days old, was picked up last night on Water street, Paterson, N. J., after having been kicked about for several days in the streets | the habeas corpus in the case of Red Leary, as a parcel of no consequence. It was wrapped the supposed Northampton Bank robber. only in a bit of old bed tick and was frezen stiff. tant, is said to be entirely destroyed by the sides to get the hearse out of the river.—Rich. A post mortem examination revealed the fact sides to get the hearse out of the river.—Rich. A post mortem examination revealed the fact below cost.

LETTERS FROM BICHMOND. [SPECIAL TO THE TXANDRIA GAZETTE.] [Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

CHRISTMAS NIGHT. The day is over. The horns have been hushed and the merry pop of the firecrackers is heard no longer. The town has gone to ! sleep early to night. The day has been about as notey as the average Christmas day here Perhaps the poticiable feature in its observance was the number of the colored fellow citizens, who were in the streets under the in- offered at 4. Prime merchantile paper is 446 fluence of liquor. The colored youth is an imitative being. Since the war he has more than once noticed young white men on the The workingmen's party here seems doemed street Christmas day reeling about in a promisteating down tree boxes, now impinging a brick

a sanguinary conflict with some quiet Indian

who is standing in front of a cigar stand, hold

ing out in vain the pipe of peace. This time

some of the colored boys bad a little of this In the Catholic churches and in some of the Exisoopal churches the music was very fine. In Grace Episcopal church, of waich Rev. H. Melville Jackson is pastor, they have an excellent choir, composed entirely of youths, unthem up to two other gentlemen who had no der the leadership of Mr. John Redford, the claim there but the superior one founded upon | well known tonor. This is the first choir of the kind known in the Episcopal churches here, and the experiment is certainly a success. These young men sing well together, and the selections are generally such as suit their voices. To day they were supplemented by a quartette cheir, composed of Mr. Redtord tonor, Mr. Thurs ton Codeza base, Miss Chapin soprano, and Mrs. Knowles contraite. This choir sang the hyomes for the day. The music to which these rymas were sucg was composed by three Richmond composers, Prof. Jacob Reinhardt, Prof. Stuart Turner and Mr. Goo. Peladexter.

The regular choir of the church intoucd the responses in the commuting service.

At the Monumental church the music was xuellent. None of the Episcopal churches have as much decoration as in former years. St J-mes' is not dressed at all.

In Richmond scelery circles the approaching visis of one of Alexandria's fairest and most accomplished daughters is looked forward to with pleasure. Col. L. Q. Washington and Captain W.

Page McCarchy, of the Washington press, were in the city vesterday. Mr. Jessie T. Hutcheson, one of the cldest tobacco inspectors in Richmond, died yesterday

STRONGBOW. quite suddenly. RICHMOND, Dec. 26, 1878. Intelligence was received here to-day of a strange accident which occurred Sunday, when the remains of the Hon. Baverly B. Douglas were taken from this city last Sunday night on the York River Railroad to King William

county, their place of final interment. A fine bearse and borses were engaged to accompany the funeral cortege. The procession, including the Congressional esport, proceeded to Zoar, the birth place of the wife of the deceased, and here the remaios of the able coogressman were committed to earth. Instead of returning to Lastor Manor, whence they had proceeded to the place of burish, the driver of the hearse at tempted to make closer connection with the train by crossing one of the Pamusky river ferries. The horses were driven on the ferry boat, and exhibited no signs of fear until the boat was in the middle of the stream, when one of the boat men accidentally struck one of the horses on the head with the beat poll. The apimal became stricken with terror at this, and beginning to jump, frightened the other horse, and both leaped from the boat, carrying the hearse with them. The swelen river carried them dowe, and they sank to the bottom. The horses thus lost were very valuable ones, and were the property of Mr. C. Dioner, an undertaker here. The hears will probably be re-

One of the most pleasant affairs of the kind was the entertainment given last night by Mr. and Mrs. Putney, at their elegant residence on Marshall street, in honor of the presence of Miss Withers, the daughter of Senator Withers.

To-night despite the heavy snow that is falllog there is a brilliant party going on at the residence of Mr. Addison, a well known mer-

chase of Richmond. Mr. John H. Hatcher, late discount clerk in the First National Bank of this city, died at his residence yesterday, aged 65. He was a prominent Mason and a good man.

STRONGBOW.

# FOREIGN NEWS.

A decree has been issued at St. Petersburg abolishing the administration hitherto controlling the passing forward of reserves to fill the vacancies in the active army. Thirty steamers have been chartered at Odessa to convey home a pertion of the Russian army of occupation. Io consequence of a threatening agitation amongst the Tariars of the Kazan battalion it has been sent home. A further agitation has occurred amongst the students at Kieff and Moscow, but leans from 64 to 61 cts. Stock here 947 hbds. it was promptly suppressed. Most of the students recently arrested at St. Petersburg have

An Afghan soldier in the British service was bagged for firing to warn his countrymen of an advance on Petwar Pass. Eighteen others were seutenced to terms of from seven to fourteen years' penal servitude for desertion.

The Supreme Court of Justice at Madrid has finally condemned to death Juan Moncasi, who 141:14to; good 147:15c, and prime 151:162, all attempted to assassinate the King on the 25th of October last. The belief is general that Monoasi's sentence will be carried out. He shows no emotion.

There are signs of the Oldham strike coming to an end. A number of hands have been obtained from the neighboring towns, and it is believed that the new year will find many of the mills running at a reduction of wages.

The Duke D'Audiffet Parquier has been elected a member of the French Academy, vice Archbishop Dapanloup, deceased.

The reported drowning of forty eight children at Chapelle Mouche, by the breaking of the ice upon which they were skating, is a canard, invented by a provincial newspaper.

A telegram from Ceara, in North Brazil, reperts that the deaths in the capital from small pox number six hundred daily. The distress in the interior of the provinces is appalling .-The people are devouring carrion and corpses.

LONDON, Dec. 27.-A dispatch from Lahore, published in the second edition of the Times. says: "Yakoob Khanson, son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, has just come into Jelallabad. This circumstance is regarded here as equivalent to submission to the British."

CAIRO, Dec. 27 -A destructive configuration has occurred at the Abdin palace, the winter residence of the Khedive. Half of the building was destroyed. Hono Kono, Dec. 27.-A tremendous conflic-

gration broke out in this city on Christmas day, and raged all day yesterday. The destruction

the house of refuge, Randalls' Island, New York, committed suicide last night by banging. She had been sent to the institution by her

Judge Choate in the Federal Court, New York, te-day, denied the motion to discharge

MC BTHRY SND COMMERCIAL.

There has been very little business doing this week in consequence of the holidays. Produce receipts have been light, and the wholesale trade stagnant. Money matters are very quiet. In Baltimore the demand for money is moder. ato. There is no pressure for funds, however, and rates are readily maintained at about 5a6 per cent for best paper, with occasional transactions at a trifle less. Money was active at New York yesterday at 4:5 per cent for call loars, closing per cent. Within the next few days a feverish money market would cause no surprise. At New York yesterday gold was quoted at paribid and galos. In order to make a sale through a broker a small commission must be paid, thus actually putting gold below par in greenbacks. The Secretary of the Treasury yesterday opened the bids for the purchase of silver bullion. and secured all he desired at prices below the London quotation, though in deference to the wishes of the bidders the prices are withheld from publication. Government bonds are genersly firm; new 5s advanced 1; 1867s, 1040s and 413 each 1, but currency 6; declined 4 State bonds are dull but firmer, Virginia consolseiling at 56, and closing at 564 asked, against 55% bid; a small lot of past due coupons sold st 771. Railroad securities are quiet; Manazzas 73 nominelly 4:1:40, and O & A %3 sold at %; We quote: O, A & M 441147; O & A 61 let 94 do 2d 75; do 31 3d 35240; do 4th 101220; Va & Tenn 6: 2d 86a89; do 8: 991.

ALEXANDRIA WHOLKSALE PRICES Flour, Fine...... \$3 @ 43 3 25 Extra 35) (4 37) Extra 42) (6 45) Family 500 6 525
Fancy brands 600 6 625
Wheat, common to fair 0 90 69 0 95 Good to prime..... 101 Choice . ..... 10: (5 10) Corp, white...... 040 😉 041 Mixed..... Yellow..... Corn Meal...... 0 46 @ 0 50

Butter, prime...... Common to middling..... Hogs .....

Turkeys, per lb...... Apples ..... Chestnuts..... Potatoss per busbe!..... Sweet, per bbl..... Onions, per bush..... Dried Apples..... Dried Peaches, peeled .........

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Unpecied..... Sacon, Hams, country....... Best surar cured kiams... Butchers' Hams..... Western..... Sides ..... Shoulders..... Vesl Calves......

Claster, ground, per ten ...... Ground, in bage or bbie ... Lump ..... Timothy ..... Clover Seed..... Wool, long unwashed...... 0 22

and we revise quotations.

Washed .....

Merino, unwashed...... 0 20

Hay...... 10 60 & 12 60 The market closes dull and weak, with but little doing. Flour is heavy; anles are light and prices are nominal. Wheat is in light receipt, and but one small lot was sold to-day, which brought 105, the other offerings being withdrawn. Corn is quiet, with small sales at 41. No Bye reported, and one small let of Cats brought 32. Country produce is generally lower

Do. washed...... 0 30 @ 0 32

RICHMOND MARKET, Dec'r. 26.-The offerings on 'Change to-day were very light, and the attendance of members was smail. no change in prices. Flour 3:\$6 25 for fine to to choice family brands. Small sales of Wheat at 95a105 for Fultz, and Lancester at 107. Small lots of Corn brought 88 for mixed, and 40 for prime white. Nothing doing in Rye or Onte.

LYNCHBURG MARKET, Dec. 26.-The market for everything is very quiet, and in consequence of the holidays there is but little doing Quotations for Flour and grain are nominally

FREDERICKSBURG MARKET, Dec. 26,-Thera s nothing doing worthy of note, the holidays interfering with regular operations. The recripts of produce are very light, and quotations are altogether nominal.

BALTIMORE SUGAR AND COFFEE MARKET. Sugars—There is nothing whatever doing in raw Sugars here, and there is no demand at the mement, so far as we can learn, either for relining or grocery grades. The market is, however, nominally steady, and we quote as follows, viz Fair to good relining of at a Cuba contribugats 7a71 cts; Demerara centrifugal 7a71 cents French Island 6a02 ets. and new crop New Or viz: 719 Porto Rico and 218 New Orleans.

Coffee-There has been no movement to-day in Coffee, so far as we are advised, and though there is some demand, the inquiry is loss active than for the past day or two. Prices are, nowever, steadily maintaine !. A steamer from Ko is below, with 32 000 bags, (4:2 of which is for Baltimore and the remainder for New York, and the stock here in first hands is now 40,115 bags Rio. We still quote as follows: Rio, common, 10alule; ordinary Hallie; fair gold to days, but for fair grades above valla

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, Dec'r. 26, 1876 Beef Cattle.-The through Cattle consisted of about 600 head, and they went Kast witdom baing offered here.

tions are nominal.

Sheep.-There have been no arrivals since Monday, and all wants having been satisfied then we quote nominally at 31a42 cents per 10. Swine-The receipts since Monday exceed 120 head, and sales have been making slowly in

most of the yards since Monday owing to the holidays. Prices have been well maintained generally. The stock on hand will be fully enough for the rest of the week. We quote at 22 sti cents, most sales having been made at 424 sts per ib net.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 19.-Hogs-Receipts, 20,000; snipments, 1,700; market oull and easy; choice heavy, \$270 2:0; light, \$2 504 26; mixed, \$2 £0.2 66; some remain unsold. Cattle—Receipts, 2 600; ship kents, 1 6.00; market firm and about 20 cts. higher; shipping, \$270; 5 10: feeders and stockers 52 40.3 20; butchers cows, \$2a290. steers, \$260a330 cheep-Receipts 1,500; market firm: quoted at \$2,5014

CINCINNATI HOG MARKET, Dec. Hogs quiet but firm; common \$2 15:2 45; light, \$2 50:2 c5; packing, \$2 60:2 75, butchers', \$2 75:2 280; receipts yesterday and to day, 6, 935; ship-

ments, 1,279. BALTIMORE, Dec'r. 27.-Virginia 6s deferred 73; do consolidated 5c5; do 2d series 34; past dling 9. Flour quiet and steady; prices unchanged. Wheat—Southern firm and in light of property was very great.

VIENNA, Dec. 27.—A rumor has been current for some days, past in Peeth of attempts on the life of Francis Joseph.

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NEW YORK, Dec'r. 27 -Stocke quiet. Money 4.5. Gold 100. Flour dull. Wheat dull. Corn quiet. S. Dealham is selling out hi: Winter Stock